

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Restriction Requirement dated July 27, 2007.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner required restriction between the following groups of claims:

- Group I. Claims 1-14, drawn to surgical tool;
- Group II. Claims 21-32, drawn to surgical implant; and
- Group III. Claims 15-20 and 33-34, drawn to combination of a surgical implant and a surgical tool.

The Applicant hereby elects Group II, encompassing claims 21-32, for further examination. Claims 1-14, 15-20 and 33-34 have been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

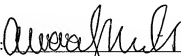
The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If it would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the number provided below.

If payment is needed for entry of the response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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